

Hunter Mill Highlights

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"If you're going through Hell, keep going." - Winston Churchill

The last several weeks have been personally uplifting. A great big thank you to all who have taken the time to wish me well.

During this time, people – friends, constituents, colleagues on both sides of the aisle - enlivened and inspired me. I appreciate every word written, every wish expressed, every flower delivered, every morsel cooked. More than the tangible, I am grateful for the intangible. Such support rejuvenates as it humbles.

I remain healthy, confident, and committed and I look forward to being back to my full schedule shortly.

Thank you, Hunter Mill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Construction Alert! Fairfax County Department of Transportation will be starting a pedestrian construction project at the intersection of Soapstone Drive and Sunrise Valley Drive in the upcoming weeks. The project will include a new pedestrian connection from the intersection of Soapstone Drive/Hunters Green Court to Sunrise Valley Drive and a new Fairfax Connector bus pad. Virginia Department of Transportation will be working on the crosswalk improvements and pedestrian traffic signals in the future to complete the transportation project. If you have any questions, contact the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283.

Election Officers: Fairfax County Office of Elections is recruiting election officers for the June 11 Primary Election and/or the Nov. 5 General Election. Qualifications include being a registered voter in Virginia and available to work at least half of Election Day. A one-time training class is required. Three ways to apply to become an election officer:

- Mail: Fill out and return the application form. (PDF)
- Email: Include full name, current address, daytime telephone number and your date of birth.
- Call: 703-324-4735, TTY 711, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More information or email elect@fairfaxcounty.gov.

5-14-2013 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **May 14, 2013 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's <u>Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule</u> section on the County's webpage.

PRESENTATIONS

Lily Dunlap, an 8th grader at Herndon Middle School, was recognized by the Board for winning the Reston Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 7: The Board authorized the Department of Transportation to apply for TIGER V (Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recover) Program grant funds. The County will request \$20 million for design and construction of the Dulles Rail Phase II Innovation Center Metrorail Station. In addition, the Board endorsed regional project submissions to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for a variety of transportation projects.

ACTION ITEMS

Actions 2 and 3: The Board approved execution of project agreements with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and spending of federal funds for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and utilities, and construction expenses for the transportation improvements recommended in the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) and the Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) transportation program improvements.

Action 6: The Board approved inclusion of the **Fairfax County Public Schools Referendum** totaling \$250 million for the November 5, 2013 election. The bond covers additions, renovations and planning at elementary, middle and high schools in the County.

BOARD MATTERS sponsored by Supervisor Hudgins

Federal Sequestration and Housing Choice Voucher Program: Supervisor Hudgins and Chairman Bulova co-sponsored a board matter directing staff to utilize the County's **Bridging**Affordability Funding of \$2.8 million, to address the impacts of sequestration on the County's Housing Choice Voucher Program. The funds are required to offset the impact of sequestration's April 1, 2013 freeze on new housing vouchers.

Residential Studio Units (RSU): Supervisor Hudgins and Chairman Bulova co-sponsored a board matter to direct staff to begin sending the modified draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment allowing residential studio units to the public for comment. Information will include the Board's agreement that no existing single-family dwelling could be converted into an RSU.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **3:30** The Board approved the Special Exception Amendment for **St. Marks Catholic School**, that includes extending the hours of operation (8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and extending hours of use for the outdoor playing fields.
- **4:00** The Board approved amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (S11-CW-3CP) to update the Parks and Recreation section to incorporate the **Urban Parks Framework** and better reflect current park planning practices.
- **4:00** The Board approved Zoning Ordinance Amendments on Civil Penalties that expand use of **civil penalties as enforcement tool for zoning violations**. The process allows violators to prepay fines and admit liability, thereby avoiding the Circuit Court process for some violations.
- **4:00** The Board approved the amendments to the Fairfax County Code to grant a **non-exclusive cable television franchise to CoxCom, LLC**. Cox will continue to pay 3% of gross revenues to support 14 public, education, and governmental access (PEG) channels. These channels include the County's Channel 16, FCPS Red Apple 21, and Fairfax Public Access Channel 10. Expansions include upgrading these channels to high definition HDTV, "on-demand" access to PEG programming, and inclusion in packages available for other platforms such as smartphones and tablets. Cox will also participate in the "Connect2Compete" program that offers low income families internet access at a reduced price and needed hardware.

4:00 The Board held the public hearing on **proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments on Home Child Care Facilities** that revises the standards for home child care special permits. Changes would increase the maximum number of children that may be cared for in a home child care facility with special permit approval. The Board deferred decision on this issue until their meeting on June 18, 2013.

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